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Applicant's or agent's file reference FP21088:AH	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/AU2005/000208	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 17 February 2005 (17.02.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 17 February 2004 (17.02.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant SOLAR HEAT AND POWER PTY LTD			

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-17	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-17	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-17	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

D1: US 5275150
D2: WO 1999/064795
D3: WO 1990/010182

NOVELTY (N), INVENTIVE STEP (IS)

Claims 1-17: D1 and D2 represent the closest available art and disclose troughs or reflector housings that contain a plurality of tubes for heat exchange fluid. None of the cited documents disclose or suggest a plurality of relatively small tubes housed within an inverted trough for use above a field of reflectors in accordance with the claimed invention. Also, the claimed invention is not obvious in view of the cited art or the common general knowledge in the art. Hence the invention as claimed is considered both novel and inventive.